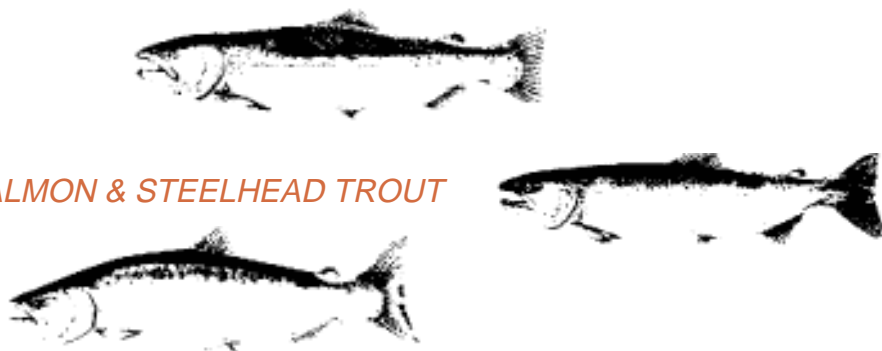


CALIFORNIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SALMON & STEELHEAD TROUT

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Mr. Peter Bontadelli, Director
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Dear Senator Keene and Director Bontadelli:

The California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout, established by Senate Joint Resolution 19 in 1983, wishes to submit this report of its findings and recommendations.

California's salmon and steelhead trout resources have declined steadily for the last three decades due to degradation of stream habitat and decreased survival of juvenile fish. These once-great fisheries are now at a crucial crossroad. There is an urgent need for an explicit state policy to halt the decline and initiate an aggressive restoration program. Such a plan is contained in the provisions of Senate Bill 2261.

Recovery of the resource will also be assisted by Senate Bill 2390, which addresses major fish screen issues and by Senate Bill 1335, which provides greater fisheries protection in the Forest Practice Act. Senate Joint Resolution 43 underscores a concern expressed in all of our reports regarding fisheries conservation and the operation of the Central Valley Project.

We are convinced that it is possible to restore balance to our salmon and steelhead trout resources and we look forward to helping you implement the restoration program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Earl H. Carpenter".

EARL H. CARPENTER, Chairman
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